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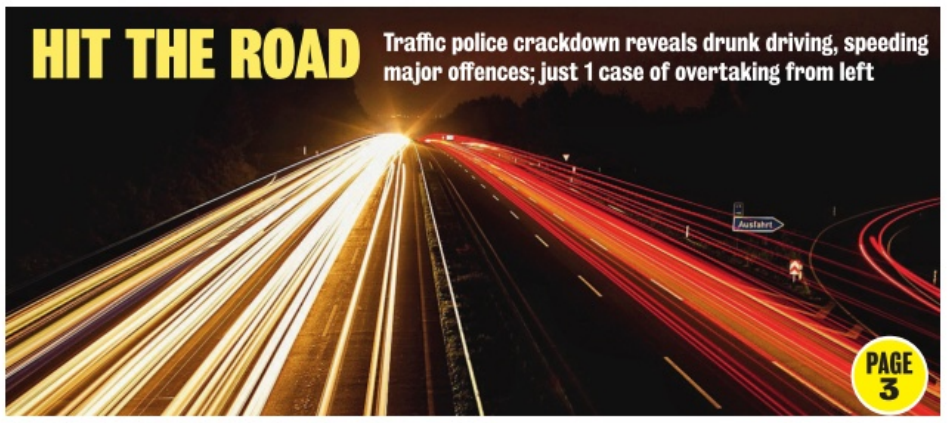
HIT THE ROAD
Traffic police crackdown reveals drunk driving, speeding major offences; just 1 case of overtaking from left
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Lack of basic amenities at Peenya's electric crematorium aside, low height of its chimney means air around it is filled with rank smoke, making it difficult for residents of area to carry on

PALL OF GLOOM

Students of govt PU college too in sphere of smoke

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> **"We have complained to the BBMP authorities to increase the height of the crematorium's chimney but nothing has been done till date**
> — Lecturer at Govt PU College

Faulty structure of the electric crematorium at Peenya have created a situation of trouble for students and teaching staff of Government PU College and people residing around it. With its chimney height being lower than the height of the buildings around, smoke and odour emanating from the chimney continues to pervade the air around the crematorium.

The electric crematorium was opened to the public by the then Minister for Health and Family Welfare R Ashok on September 10, 2006, in the presence of the then Mayor Mumtaz Begum and Kanakapura MP Tejaswini Ramesh. There were not many industrial units or buildings

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Dead end road

Slow progress on Tumakuru-Nelamangala 10-lane road raises safety concerns

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A key stretch of highway that connects Bengaluru to western parts of India and to the maximum number of districts has been in a state of despair. Despite assurances from district officials and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to resume work on National Highway 48 a fortnight ago, there has been no progress on the ground.

The construction of the ten-lane NH-48 between Nelamangala and Tumakuru has been halted, causing frequent accidents and severe traffic congestion. On November 12, Union Minister V Somanna convened a meeting with officials, citing instructions from Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari. He reviewed the project's status at the Nelamangala toll plaza, reprimanding officials for the delays. Despite this, there has been no movement on the ground.

During the review, Minister Somanna directed officials to begin work immediately. However, by November 25, no action had been taken. Minister Somanna had repeatedly urged the Bengaluru Rural District's Deputy Commissioner to coordinate with contractors and various department officials to expedite the work. However, the Collector's silence has raised concerns.

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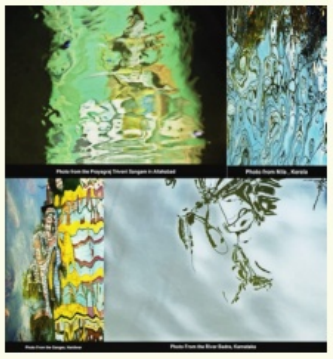
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Rivers through lens



Explore, 'Transients' a portrayal of Indian Rivers, an exhibition of fine art photographs captured by Kerala freelance photography artist Ranjith Madhavan. Transients are the human expressions that Madhavan captured on camera from the colours of the shadows that fluctuate over the water surface in the rivers travelling 18 states and covering more than 20 rivers all over India. Here, nature is the artist, the river is the canvas, and the sun provides shades and colours on its surface.
Where: Art Gallery, Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
When: Until December 1, 10:30 am to 7 pm

02 Poetry night

Listen to some amazing poems by five of Bengaluru's most talented poets in a special edition of 'Tuesdays with the Bard@Urban Solace.' Pramod Shankar is a storyteller, author, stand-up comedian, and trains young professionals. Apoorva Lakshmi Ragi is a multi-passionate poet who dabbles in poetry on film & visual poetry as well. Jayaprakash Satyamurthy is a writer and musician. Sadhana Subramanian's poetry captures the struggles, joys, and raw intensity of life. Dr Ishan Capoor channels his experiences as a medical professional into his poetry.
Where: Urban Solace
When: November 26, 7:30 pm to 9 pm

03 Neurodiversity meetup

Join in for the 'India Neurodiversity Summit,' a landmark event dedicated to fostering understanding, promoting inclusion, and driving innovation within the neurodiversity landscape. The summit will bring together industry leaders, neurodiversity advocates, subject matter experts, and neurodivergent individuals to share insights, experiences, and best practices for creating more inclusive workplaces and societies through panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities.
Where: Christ University, Bannerghatta Road Campus
When: November 27

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Bustling crowd People gather in huge numbers on Monday for the 2-day Kadalekai Parishe (Groundnut Festival) in Basavanagudi

Discipline's gone off syllabus

Schools note rise in verbal abuse, harassment, lack of respect towards eductors, demand 'indecent' behaviour of students to be reined in

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Schools have now raised a chorus demanding 'decent' behaviour from students. A recent incident during an official meeting chaired by the Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa has drawn sharp criticism due to a student's inappropriate behaviour that disrupted the proceedings. The episode occurred during an online session involving students, teachers, and Education Department officials.

Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka has written a letter to the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stating that the student's indecent and provocative actions, which included remarks that embarrassed the minister, not only disturbed the decorum of the meeting but also set a poor example for peers. This behaviour has raised serious concerns about the growing trend of disrespect toward educators and authority figures in educational settings.

Issues plaguing education system

In the letter, association secretary D Shashi Kumar stated that this incident has highlighted two pressing issues facing the education system today. First, a concerning rise in student indiscipline. "Teachers across the state are increasingly subjected to verbal abuse, harassment, and even physical assaults from students. This lack of respect for authority is leaving educators in helpless situations. The disrespect faced by the education minister during the meeting mirrors the daily struggles of many teachers, whose dignity and authority are regularly undermined."

Second, such behaviours send a troubling message to the student community. "...If left unaddressed, it risks normalising indiscipline and eroding the foundational values of respect and responsibility. Past judicial rulings have stressed that corrective measures taken by teachers in good faith are essential for fostering discipline and learning. However, the growing trend of ignoring such behaviours could lead to widespread exploitation and mistreatment of educators, ultimately affecting the overall education system," the letter read.

The letter also pointed to a broader societal issue, highlighting cases where parents encourage young children to use abusive language for social media attention. Such acts not only corrupt the behaviour of those children but also negatively influence their peers. The lack of action from government agencies, education departments, and child rights commissions in addressing these alarming trends has been strongly condemned. Moreover, the politicisation of incidents like these, with some representatives of the education sector downplaying their severity for personal or political gain, is viewed as a betrayal of the trust placed in them by the public.

Several recommendations have been laid out to address these challenges. Kumar stated that Education Department officials need to establish clear and enforceable guidelines to address student misconduct while supporting teachers who face harassment. Political leaders, intellectuals, media, and civil society must work together to promote a culture of discipline and respect among students. Additionally, the government must create robust policies to uphold the dignity of teachers and ensure education remains the central focus of all stakeholders.

"This incident serves as a wake-up call for the education system. The dignity of teachers and the integrity of educational institutions must be preserved to ensure that schools and colleges continue to serve as spaces of learning, discipline, and mutual respect. It is imperative that swift action is taken to restore decorum, provide necessary protections for educators, and instill values that prepare students to be responsible citizens," added.

'It needs to be ensured that education remains the central focus of all stakeholders'

> **"Disrespect faced by education minister during official meeting mirrors daily struggles of many teachers, whose dignity & authority are regularly undermined**
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> – Excerpt from a letter by KAMS Secretary D Shashi Kumar

Police put the brakes on dangerous drives

1,802 cases of drunk driving registered during week-long operation

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The traffic police recently concluded a special enforcement drive against drunk driving and speeding, conducted from November 18 to 24, covering all stations in the city.

During the week-long operation, traffic officers checked 60,692 vehicles and registered 1,802 cases of drunk driving. Additionally, 128 cases of speeding were recorded, with fines totaling 1.28 lakh collected from offenders. The traffic officials urge that such operations are essential in curbing dangerous behaviours and promoting responsible driving.

Division-wise approach

On November 23, the Traffic Police East division conducted a special operation, focusing on offences such as one-way violations, no-entry breaches, wrong parking, footpath parking, riding on footpaths, and triple riding. During the operation, 626 cases were registered against motorists flouting these rules. The police collected fines totaling 3.13 lakh from the violators. The City Traffic North Division also intensified its crackdown, registering a total of 9,912 (total 5,929 and pending (Old) 3,983) cases were registered in the special operation. A fine amount of 66,46,300/- was collected between November 17 and November 23. The week-long operation, conducted from 11.30 am to 4 pm daily, aimed to address the frequent traffic violations.

The enforcement revealed a concerning trend of reckless and negligent behaviour among motorists. Leading the list of violations was the alarming number of 'No Entry' breaches, with 1,495 cases recorded. This frequent disregard for traffic signs not only disrupts traffic flow but also poses significant risks to both pedestrians and drivers.

Report expresses concern over the alarming number of lane discipline violations and reckless driving incidents, stressing that lane adherence is needed to prevent road rage

Drunken driving remained a persistent issue, with 223 cases reported. Similarly, speeding, another primary cause of accidents, accounted for 154 cases, highlighting the need for enhanced speed monitoring systems across key city junctions.

Other infractions added to the traffic chaos. Wrong parking led to 337 citations, causing significant congestion in commercial and residential zones. Carrying excess passengers resulted in 107 cases, with focus on overloaded autos and vans. Violations such as jumping traffic signals (92 cases) and driving without a valid licence (134 cases) underscored the need for better driver education and adherence to rules.

Interestingly, the crackdown extended to smaller, yet impactful, offences such as defective silencers (eight cases), shrill horns (eight cases), and vehicles with tinted black films (20 cases), all contributing to noise pollution and visibility issues.

Just 1 case

Among the more surprising infractions was a single case of overtaking from the left. Additionally, only one case of a driver demanding excess fare was reported, without an insurance certificate (1 cases), carrying excess school children (1 case) reflecting perhaps improved regulation of public transport.

The report expressed concern over the alarming number of lane discipline violations (10 cases) and reckless driving incidents (12 cases), stressing that lane adherence is crucial in preventing road rage and collisions.

Gang assaults students for ransom

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Five students were allegedly threatened and assaulted by a gang, including the owner of a car rental service, in Chandra Layout, after they rented a car for a trip to Madikeri. The incident occurred upon the students' return to the city, when they were confronted by Vinod, the car rental owner, and his associates Nitin and Shashank. The accused reportedly claimed that the students had violated the speed limit, exceeding 100 kmph over 120 times during their trip. They demanded a fine of Rs 1.20 lakh, although they failed to produce any supporting traffic challans.

The situation escalated when the gang threatened the students with a knife, assaulted them, and took them to a nearby mobile shop. There, they forced the students to transfer Rs 50,000 into their account. The students' laptops were seized as collateral before they were released.

Police have arrested three of the accused Vinod, Nitin, and Shashank

Child dies in car collision

A 3-year-old lost his life after a car struck him near the Shaneshwar temple, around 7 pm. The child, Ekash, who had been visiting the Kalade Kai Parishe with his parents, suddenly ran out of the temple, when an SUV struck him. The child died on spot as the vehicle's tyre ran over his body. The Anekal police have registered a case.

Offensive remarks

A complaint has been lodged against an individual for posting offensive remarks about Hindu deities on social media. The All Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha filed the complaint, demanding immediate legal action.

The complaint accuses Anjum Shaikh, of posting derogatory comments about revered Hindu goddesses, including Horanadu Annapurneswari, Sringeri Saradhambe, and Mookambike.

BBMP driver dies after branch falls on him

A 30-year-old BBMP garbage truck driver, identified as Lakshman, lost his life after a tree branch fell on him while he was sleeping under it near Navrang Theatre, Rajajinagar. According to police, Lakshman had completed his morning shift and was resting under the tree when the heavy branch came crashing down, striking him on the head. He was admitted to KC General Hospital as the impact caused severe head injuries, and Lakshman died on the spot.

Wife murder: Man on run

A 38-year-old is on the run after strangling his wife to death after suspecting an affair. The Chandra Layout police have registered a case.

The accused identified as Imran Khan, a welder, had married Ghousia (31) in 2019 and they were living in Gangondanahalli with their 4-year-old son. According to the police, they used to have frequent quarrels as Imran suspected Ghousia of having an affair. The police also reported that Ghousia was living with her parents as she complained about Imran's abuse. **BMB**

Woman found dead under mysterious circumstances

A 25-year-old woman, Lakshmi, was found dead under mysterious circumstances in the bathroom, at a friend's house in Adepet, Nelamangala taluk, Bengaluru Rural district.

The incident occurred on Sunday morning when Lakshmi, originally from Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, had visited a friend's house with her husband. The couple had travelled to Malleswaram to attend a family function and decided to visit a friend's house in Adepet.

According to the police, Lakshmi went to take a bath when everyone was at home. However, she was later found dead in the bathroom, raising suspicions due to several unexplained details. Before entering the bathroom, there were no visible marks on Lakshmi's face, but she was discovered with laceration on her face.

The family rushed her to the nearby hospital where the doctors declared her to be brought dead.

Lakshmi was a homemaker, and her husband runs a toy shop in Tirupati. The Nelamangala Town police have registered a case of Unnatural Death (UDR), and the body was sent for post-mortem, which has since been completed and handed over to the family.

Authorities are continuing their investigation to determine the cause of her death. **BMB**

Alternate routes due to Hebbal Circle diversion

Bengaluru City Traffic Police have issued a traffic advisory for commuters traveling from Nagavara (Outer Ring Road) to ease congestion at Hebbal Circle due to ongoing flyover pillar construction.

The right turn below the Hebbal flyover is now prohibited, causing heavy traffic as commuters take a U-turn to enter the Hebbal flyover loop.

To avoid the congestion, commuters are advised to follow alternate routes when traveling towards the city via the Nagavara (Outer Ring Road) Mehkri Circle route.

Those coming from KR Pura and Nagavara should consider the following routes: 1.0.C-Mukunda Theater Junction, the Lingarajapuram flyover route, or Nagavara-Tannery Road.

Alternatively, they can proceed straight at Hebbal Circle, continue along Bhadrappa Layout and Devinagar Cross Road, and then take a left turn at BEL Circle to reach Mekhri Circle via Sadashivanagar Road.

The traffic police have urged commuters to plan their routes in advance and follow the recommended diversions. **BMB**

Leopard lands in trap set by officials

Forest Department captures 1 leopard near Shivaganga; authorities await DNA report to confirm its involvement in recent death in area

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The leopard captured by the Karnataka Forest Department near Shivaganga Forest on Sunday evening

The Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) captured a leopard late Sunday evening near Shivaganga Forest in the Nelamangala Taluk. The department is now in the process of conducting a DNA analysis to ascertain if it is the same big cat that was involved in the incidents a week ago, leading to the death of a woman in the area.

"We are verifying whether it is the same animal. We are drawing blood samples from the animal captured on Sunday to match them with the DNA sample of the big cat found on the woman. We had gathered hair samples of the leopard that attacked her and conducted DNA sequencing. The two DNAs will be matched to confirm if it is the same leopard," said Sivasankar S, Conservator of Forest, Bengaluru Circle, KFD.

A 57-year-old woman was killed in a leopard attack near Shivaganga Forest on November 17 when she visited her farm around 7 pm to fetch grass. After the incident, the department initiated a search and capture operation to capture the big cat by deploying eight cages in the area and 50 members of the Leopard Task Force (LTF).

> **We are drawing blood samples from animal captured on Sunday to match them with DNA sample of big cat found on woman killed on November 17**
>
> –Sivasankar S, Conservator of Forest, Bengaluru Circle, KFD

"The animal has fallen into the big cage, which we got from Tumakuru that was put up as bait to catch it. We are relying on the hair sample and the DNA extracted from it. Until we confirm that we have the right animal, the search operation will continue. Just because one animal was roaming in the area, we cannot randomly capture it. The leopard will probably be kept in a zoo till DNA analysis results arrive," said Sivasankar.

DNA analysis report to arrive in some days

According to KFD, the DNA analysis report will arrive in a couple of days. If the big cat captured is the one involved in the incident on November 17, further course of action will be drawn by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the state. Currently, the department has laid eight trap cages, 15 camera traps, and two thermal drones to capture the leopard.

Enhanced safety during harvest season

Considering the ongoing harvest season, the department has increased the vigil in the area. Farmers harvesting crops in their fields are not being left alone. "We are being extra cautious due to the ongoing harvest season and thus have stationed members of the Leopard Task Force in the area to avoid any untoward incident. We are deploying staff in areas with major harvests. None of the farmers or villagers that are on the field is left alone," added Sivasankar.

User fee for waste disposal draws backlash

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File Photo of a Solid Waste Management Plant at Chikkanagamangala

The Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) has strongly opposed the proposed user fee for solid waste management (SWM) by the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML). They have raised concerns over the lack of transparency and accountability in fund utilisation by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and questioned the necessity of imposing additional financial burdens on citizens.

The BNP questioned why the BBMP cannot manage SWM expenses with existing funds. "We vehemently oppose the imposition of a user fee. Citizens are already paying multiple taxes, and imposing this additional fee is entirely unjustifiable. With Rs 12,000 crore available as funds with the BBMP, the corporation has sufficient resources to efficiently manage garbage collection, transportation, and processing, provided it halts unnecessary projects, curbs corruption, and allocates resources wisely," said Poongothai Paramasivam, BNP's Governing Council Member and Zonal Leader.

The party also highlighted that while the Swachh Survekshan allows urban local bodies to collect a user fee, it is not mandatory. "Why impose this additional burden on citizens? How was the SWM cess, collected uniformly during property tax collection, spent? Citizens deserve to know why the existing funds are insufficient before any additional fee is considered," she said.

Srikanth Narasimhan, founder and general secretary of BNP, said that it is appalling that this fee is being considered in the absence of an elected council. "The BBMP must first disclose its expenses and fund allocations. We will also approach all relevant government officials to explain our stance," he said.

Narasimhan criticised BSWML, calling it "an agency that is not a constitutionally authorised outfit to discharge the function of solid waste management." He emphasised that decisions of such magnitude require transparency and accountability, which can only be ensured by an elected council.

The party members also pointed out that the citizens should resist paying the proposed user fee until the BBMP provides a transparent explanation of its financial management. "It is imperative to address the misuse of available funds. We firmly oppose this unjust user fee and urge the BBMP to focus on effective fund management and transparency before burdening citizens further," Narasimhan said.

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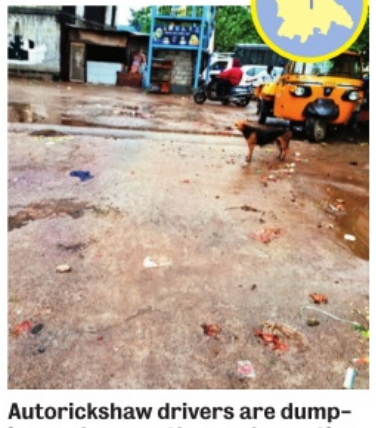
Unheeded plea
RT Nagar

The plea to stop dumping garbage in RT Nagar, especially near the Bangalore School of Music, is being ignored despite multiple requests to the BBMP workers.

Encroached footpath
Whitefield

A private builder is obstructing the footpath, causing inconvenience to pedestrians near Hopefarm Metro Station in Whitefield.

Unclean streets
Ambedkar Colony



Autorickshaw drivers are dumping garbage on the road, creating unsanitary conditions in Ambedkar Colony, near Banashankari Metro Station. The foul smell is a health hazard for the public.

How to make a paper bag in 30 sec & other sustainable hacks

Bengalureans lapping up DIY videos on greener options to plastic bags; NGOs, RWAs take up onus

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Bengaluru residents are turning to an eco-friendly alternative to plastic bags with simple, do-it-yourself (DIY) newspaper bags. The initiative was popularised by Eat Raja who runs a zero-waste juice bar. He had made a video on social media platform on an initiative that teaches people to fold sturdy newspaper bags in under 30 seconds without using staples or pins. These bags can hold up to 2-3 kilograms of fruits or vegetables and offer a sustainable solution for street vendors and shoppers. The video gained much traction, and Bengalureans got readily on the bandwagon.

A reel by Odette Katrak from Beautiful Bharat also following the same concept reached over 4.67 lakh views. "My aim was to put out this interim measure because plastic is still seen everywhere, and many don't carry bags or are unwilling to pay extra, putting pressure on vendors," said Katrak. She added that the video featured Aruna, a vendor from Tamil Nadu, who was eager to learn and share the idea with others.

As part of local Plastic-Free Layout drives, Katrak also urged residents to donate old newspapers, advertisement flyers, or online paper bags to street vendors. "These are good interim options to wean vendors off banned plastic bags. However, we still emphasise carrying reusable cloth bags as the best solution," she added.

Volunteers like Raj from Ploggers Army have embraced the initiative, particularly for large-scale events and gatherings. "During the Malleswaram Kadlekai Parishe, more than 60,000 newspaper bags were made and distributed to vendors. In Basavanagudi, 90,000 bags were prepared, most of which were used by vendors. The bags have also proven effective for lighter items like snacks, flowers, and greens," said Raj.

> **Many don't carry bags or are unwilling to pay extra, putting pressure on vendors** –Odette Katrak

A newspaper bag made by volunteers

Carry your own bag

Many students and Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs) have taken up the concept, helping to create and distribute bags at events. Volunteers are also urging citizens to make and share these bags with vendors, emphasising the environmental benefits. While carrying one's own bag remains the ideal solution, newspaper bags serve as a practical alternative in the interim.

Katrak added, "This is a step in the right direction. We encourage people to reuse the bags as much as possible and recycle them once they tear. Paper comes from trees—a precious resource that must not be wasted as single-use."

However, she cautioned against using newspaper bags for cooked or ready-to-eat foods due to potential lead contamination in the ink. "These bags are suitable for items with discarded skins like bananas, groundnuts, or onions. For other items, washing thoroughly is a must," she said.

The effort has significantly reduced the presence of plastic bags at events like Kadlekai Parishe, where lakhs of visitors and vendors gather. Volunteers hope the initiative inspires wider adoption among vendors and consumers, steering Bengaluru toward a more sustainable future.

Traffic violation that never was: Police raise red flag over fraud

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Bengaluru is currently facing a surge in cybercrimes, and each time there is a new trick up the fraudsters' sleeves. In the most recent wave of incidents, fraudsters are posing as traffic police officials. These scammers have been contacting individuals, demanding payments and personal information under the guise of investigating traffic violations.

Many of the victims, who received these suspicious calls, are believed to have rented vehicles from car rental companies, though this connection has not yet been confirmed by authorities. Concerns have been raised that a data leak involving ID proofs provided to these rental firms may be enabling the scams. The city's traffic police have issued a warning, urging citizens to remain cautious and avoid sharing any information with unknown callers.

On November 21, the Traffic Police Department issued a formal warning about a rise in digital fraud cases, where scammers pose as traffic police officers.

An FIR was filed at the Cybercrime, Economic offences and Narcotics (CEN) police station, Central division after phone numbers belonging to the Joint Police Commissioner Traffic Office were hacked. The hacker used these numbers to falsely accuse individuals of violating traffic laws and causing accidents, threatening arrest if demands weren't met.

Despite efforts to curb the problem, the calls persist. "Every day, we receive at least three to four calls. Although the number of calls has decreased, we still received two calls today at our traffic management centre," said Anil Kumar, ACP Traffic Planning.

Some victims who spoke to BM expressed concerns about how the fraudsters managed to obtain their contact information. "My parents received a call claiming to be from the Commissioner's office, saying that our car was involved in an accident, even though my parents don't own a car," one individual stated.

Citizens demanded that the police intensify their investigation to trace the source of these fraudulent calls. The traffic police said they are continuing to create awareness and are urged citizens to report any suspicious incidents immediately.

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India Neurodiversity Summit

The event will be held on November 27, 2024, at Christ (Deemed to be University), Bannerghatta Road campus

A consortium of leading organizations, including SAP LABS India, JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Capgemini, Thomson Reuters, Nagarro, Cognitivebotics, Nasscom, Christ (Deemed to be University) and Ishanya India Foundation, is proud to announce the India Neurodiversity Summit, a landmark event dedicated to fostering understanding, promoting inclusion, and driving innovation within the neurodiversity landscape.

The summit will bring together industry leaders, neurodiversity advocates, subject matter experts, and neurodivergent individuals to share insights, experiences, and best practices for creating more inclusive workplaces and societies. Panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities will focus on empowering neurodivergent individuals, breaking down stigma, and paving the way for neurodiversity-driven innovation.

The India Neurodiversity Summit represents a significant step toward embracing the strengths of neurodivergent individuals and creating opportunities for all.

Event Highlights:

- Insights from experts on neurodiversity and inclusion
- Success stories from neurodivergent individuals and organizations
- Panels on best practices, advocacy, and future trends in neurodiversity inclusion
- Networking sessions to foster collaboration among attendees.

It's jumbo leap towards greater good for all

Temple in Kolar organises first-of-its kind procession using mechanical elephant

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Shree Madh Nagalapura Veera Simhasana Matha, Kolar, organised a first-of-its-kind procession featuring a mechanical elephant on Monday. Prior to this, the temple had hired live elephants for festivals, but they have now decided never to own or hire live elephants.

The Chief Swamiji of Shree Madh Nagalapura Veera Simhasana Matha Tejeshalinga Shivacharya Swamiji participated in the procession. "We used to hire live elephants, but now there is no need as there are mechanical elephants. The use of mechanical elephants keeps humans safe from attack and allows real elephants to remain in the jungles with their families," he said.

It is said that most elephants held captive in temples and other places suffer from excruciating foot problems and leg wounds due to chaining to concrete for hours on end. Most are denied adequate food, water, veterinary care, and any semblance of a natural life. Under these hellish conditions, many elephants become intensely frustrated and lash out, sometimes killing mahouts or other humans or animals. According to data compiled by the Heritage Animal Task Force, captive elephants killed 526 people in Kerala in 15 years.

Using mechanical elephants allows real elephants to avoid such suffering. The use of the mechanical elephant was facilitated by Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA) and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India. Mechanical elephants are three meters tall and weigh 800 kilograms. They are made with rubber, fibre, metal, mesh, foam, and steel and run on five motors. A mechanical elephant looks and feels like a real jumbo. It can shake its head, move its ears and eyes, swish its tail, lift its trunk, and even spray water. It can be climbed upon, and a seat can be affixed on its back. It can be taken through the streets and is mounted on a wheelbase, allowing it to be moved and pushed around for rituals and processions.

Mechanical elephant at Shree Madh Nagalapura Veera Simhasana Matha, Kolar

> **Use of mechanical elephants keeps humans safe from attack & allows real elephants to remain in jungles with their families**
> – Tejeshalinga Shivacharya, Matha's Chief Swamiji

CUPA's Honorary Secretary and Trustee, Sanober Bharucha, said that CUPA is delighted to work with PETA India to allow elephants to live as God intended, in their jungle homes. "We are grateful to Shree Madh Nagalapura Veera Simhasana Matha for conducting the procession with a mechanical elephant and setting a compassionate example for others to follow," Bharucha said.

PETA India Director of Advocacy Khushboo Gupta said that they are honoured to have been part of bringing this mechanical elephant for use in this procession. "We urge temples that wish to send their living jumbos to a sanctuary and use mechanical elephants instead to contact PETA India," Gupta said.

CCB to probe into advocate's suicide

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The suicide of 35-year-old businesswoman and advocate has sparked outrage among the legal community, with the Advocates' Association demanding a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe. In response, the city police commissioner on Monday has directed the case to be thoroughly examined by the Central Crime Branch (CCB).

The Advocates Association, Bengaluru, on Monday approached the Karnataka High Court seeking a probe into lawyer Jeeva's suicide, which allegedly occurred due to police torture. During the hearing, Justice M Nagaprasanna instructed the Additional State Public Prosecutor to obtain directions regarding the Association's request for a CBI investigation by November 27.

The court examined the deceased's 13-page death note, which detailed allegations of physical assault, stripping, and torture by the police. The deceased was accused of criminal breach of trust and cheating in a case involving the misappropriation of over Rs 196 crore from the Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation.

On November 13, Jeeva submitted an affidavit alleging torture by the woman Investigating Officer (IO) handling the Bhovi Corporation case. Subsequently, Justice Nagaprasanna ordered video recording of all interrogations and restricted the police from filing a chargesheet without court permission. The victim wrote her death note at 1:30 am on Friday, following an interrogation session. She died by suicide at approximately 5 am.

The IO was subsequently charged with abetment of suicide under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Senior Advocate Vivek Subba Reddy, representing the Advocates Association, argued that the deceased faced increased mistreatment after filing the affidavit. He advocated for a central agency investigation, citing potential bias in police investigating their colleagues. Senior Advocate Venkatesh Dalwai, appearing for the IO, opposed the CBI probe request and denied allegations of misconduct. The HC acknowledged the serious nature of the allegations in the death note, particularly regarding stripping and intrusive frisking, and scheduled the next hearing for November 27.

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Visitors flock to see big cats, butterflies at BBP

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The newly launched leopard safari at Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) has become a major attraction for tourists. Boasting the title of the largest leopard safari in the country, it is home to 19 leopards. The safari spans an open area of 50 acres, allowing visitors a close-up view of these elusive animals.

Officials said that the safari area is surrounded by a 4.5-foot-high chain-link mesh and an additional 1.5-foot metal sheet to ensure the leopards cannot escape. The habitat mimics a natural forest environment with rocky terrain and lush greenery, making it ideal for the animals. Officials explained that two animal enclosures have been constructed within the safari, each housing six leopards, and additional staff have been appointed to monitor and manage the facility. Initially, only eight leopards were released in the safari area, but the number has since increased to 19. Six caretakers are deployed to monitor the leopards' movement and behaviour, ensuring visitor safety remains a top priority.

The safari also serves as a sanctuary for orphaned or injured leopard cubs rescued due to human-wildlife conflicts. These cubs, handed over to the park by the Forest Department, are rehabilitated and later introduced to the safari once they adjust to living in groups. "The safari not only offers a unique experience for visitors but also plays a crucial role in the conservation and welfare of leopards. By providing a safe and semi-natural environment, the park ensures the animals remain in a habitat resembling their original homes," an official said.

Into world of butterflies

Meanwhile, the butterfly park at Bannerghatta Biological Park, spread across five acres, offers an opportunity to witness the delicate world of butterflies and learn about their role in maintaining ecological balance. The park features a dedicated butterfly trail spanning one-km, a museum providing comprehensive insights, and conservation activities that focus on education and research.

The Bannerghatta Biological Park is home to 13 species of butterflies

The park is home to 13 different species of butterflies. Despite the peak breeding season from September to January, the environment at the park allows visitors to enjoy the sight of butterflies year-round. Additionally, the park provides a habitat for butterflies migrating from distances over 300–400 km for breeding. A distinctive entrance gate shaped like a giant butterfly welcomes visitors, allowing them to explore the park in about two hours. Thousands of butterflies, nurtured amidst tropical plants and flowers, freely flutter around, creating a mesmerising environment.

An official said that the park educates visitors about the fascinating life cycle of butterflies, starting from eggs laid on host plants, progressing through larva and pupa stages, and turning into butterflies. "Trained staff at the park provide insights into the critical role of butterflies in ecological conservation. To ensure a suitable habitat, the park grows various tropical plants and flowers that attract butterflies. The conservation area within the park offers an in-depth look at unique butterfly species and their significance in maintaining ecological harmony."

K'taka caught in 7,342 tonnes of ghost nets

Highest amount of fishing net waste generated in 5 states and UTs is in Karnataka

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A Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) report shows that Karnataka produces 7,342 tonnes per annum of ghost nets (torn and discarded fishnets that drift underwater, strangle and kill fish, coral reefs, turtles, and other organisms, and then become marine debris).

This is the highest amount of fishing net waste generated in five States and UTs including Puducherry, Goa, Odisha, and Gujarat.

While Puducherry generates 0.075 tonnes per annum of ghost waste, Goa generates 1.5 TPA, in Odisha it is 17.51 TPA, and Gujarat creates 800-1,000 TPA.

CPCB has given these statistics in a report submitted to the National Green Tribunal regarding pollution due to fish net waste by coastal states across the country.

According to the information submitted to CPCB by 13 State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees (SPCBs/PCCs) located in coastal areas, a total of 2.37 million tonnes of plastic waste was generated in these states and union territories. According to the data from the Centralised Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) portal for plastic packaging, a total of 1.63 million tonnes of plastic waste had been recycled till August 2024 in eleven states and UTs of coastal areas. There are a total of 899 plastic waste recycling units in these states/UTs, with the highest number in Gujarat (426), followed by Maharashtra (218) and Karnataka (94).

CPCB has submitted a report to the National Green Tribunal regarding pollution due to fish net waste

State Pollution Control Boards of coastal states, including Karnataka, also informed CPCB THAT a total of 23.7 lakh tonnes of plastic waste was generated in these states in 2022-23.

Experts have suggested in the past that in light of the estimated increase in abandoned, lost, and discarded fishing gear (ALDFGs) and marine plastic litter, there is a need for additional waste management actions apart from ongoing measures.

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>
> –CEPR data

Funds to set up recycling plants

In September this year, CPCB issued guidelines for one-time financial support for establishing recycling plants and machinery for ALDFG and high-littering plastic wastes in coastal areas. Some of the measures suggested by CPCB included the establishment of plastic recycling units and the reduction in the use of virgin plastic in Blue Flag-certified beaches in the country. The guidelines also suggested that SPCBs should encourage and promote a circular economy in coastal areas.

The Blue Flag Beach Criteria10 specifies that the beach must comply with the Blue Flag requirements which include no floating plastics, providing facilities for separation of recyclable waste materials at the beach and local authority must indicate facilities for the recycling of waste. Karnataka's Padubidri beach in Udupi is a Blue Flag-certified beach.

Kantara artistes hurt in accident

Six junior artistes from the prequel of Kannada blockbuster film 'Kantara' were injured, when the bus they were travelling in overturned in the district, police said on Monday.

According to police, the accident occurred near Jadkal on Sunday night when the mini-bus carrying the crew of the film overturned.

"The incident happened while they were returning to Kollur after completing the shoot at Mudoor in Jadkal. The mini-bus was carrying 20 junior artistes when it met with the accident," a police officer said.

The injured were rushed to hospitals in Jadkal and Kundapur for treatment, they said.

The Kollur police are investigating the matter. –PTI

MUDA: Officers under cloud

On the eve of a hearing in the Karnataka High Court, the petitioner in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah accused Lokayukta officers investigating the case of attempting to shield the accused.

In Mysuru, petitioner Snehamayi Krishna said it has come to light that officers attached to the Lokayukta were "cooperating" with the accused.

It is not tenable for an investigation agency, which is accused of favouring the accused, to probe the MUDA case, he said, reiterating his demand for a CBI probe.

"I am confident that the High Court, which is looking into my petition seeking a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the MUDA scam, will consider the demand," he said.

The matter is likely to come up in the High Court on Tuesday. The Lokayukta officers were taking instructions from the ministers in the Congress government, alleged Snehamayi Krishna, raising suspicion of wrongdoings.

He alleged that some case-related documents had also been destroyed or concealed.

"A search warrant was issued to conduct raids on the MUDA office on June 28, but the Lokayukta has still not conducted the checks," he alleged. He also demanded that Lokayukta officers, involved in the investigation of the case till now, should be kept out of future probe. –IANS

IPL auction: RCB buys Tim David, Romario Shepherd

Explosive all-rounders Tim David from Australia and Romario Shepherd from West Indies were picked by Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) during the Indian Premier League (IPL) mega auction at Jeddah on Monday.

David, who played just one match for RCB in 2021, spent three seasons with Mumbai Indians from 2022-24, where he made a name for himself as a finisher, scoring 658 runs in 37 matches, with best score of 46. In 254 T20s, he has scored 4,872 runs at an average of 29.52 and a strike rate of 159.79, with 15 fifties. His best score is 92*. He has also taken 15 wickets. He was bought by RCB for Rs 3 crore.

Also, Shepherd had a small stint with MI last season, scoring 57 runs in six matches and taking a wicket. He has also played 34 ODIs and 50 T20Is for West Indies, scoring 884 runs and a wicket. Romario joins RCB at his base price of Rs 1.5 crores.

Also, England all-rounder Will Jacks, who played for RCB last season, has gone with MI for Rs 5.25 crore. In the last season with RCB, he scored 230 runs in eight matches, including a century and fifty and was also handy with the ball.

Afghanistan all-rounder Azmatullah Omarzai joined Punjab Kings for Rs 2.4 crores after a bidding war with Chennai Super Kings (CSK). He has played 33 ODIs and 44 T20Is for PBKS, scoring over 1,300 runs with a century and seven fifties and having taken 52 wickets.

West Indies batter Sherfane Rutherford found a home in Gujarat Titans (GT) for Rs 2.6 crores despite MI jumping into the bidding war. In 28 T20Is for WI, he has scored 428 runs in 23 innings with two fifties, at an average of 25.17 and a strike rate of 143.14. In 153 T20s, he has scored 2,471 runs at an average of 23.09 and a strike rate of over 134, with 12 fifties. His best score is 78.

Tim David has played just one match for RCB in 2021

Sri Lanka's Nuwan Thusara was bought by RCB for Rs 1.6 crore. He has taken 24 wickets in 15 matches for Lankan Lions.

Australian pacer Spencer Johnson, known for his stint with Gujarat Titans last season in which he took four wickets in five matches, was bought by Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) for Rs 2.8 crore.

Young explosive batters, Finn Allen from New Zealand and Dewald Brevis from South Africa did not find any buyers. England's all-format star opener Ben Duckett also did not find any takers despite his T20I record of 315 runs in 12 matches, with a fifty. In 47 T20Is, Allen has scored 1,141 runs at an average of 24.27, with two centuries and four fifties. His strike rate is over 158. England and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) veteran Moeen Ali, was not picked up by any franchise while young Afghanistan pacer Naveen-ul-Haq, famous for his recent stints with Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), did not get any bids either.

Sad state: Toilets dirty, shutter defunct

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and educational institutions when the electric crematorium was constructed on a portion of a burial ground.

On an average, the electric crematorium receives four to five bodies per day and on these days it is very tough for the students attending classes on the second floor of the Government PU College whenever bodies are being cremated here.

"We have complained to the BBMP authorities to increase the height of the crematorium's chimney but nothing has been done till date. We are not against the electric crematorium but the authorities concerned have to take measures to avoid smoke and bad odour emanating from the chimney by increasing its height," said a lecturer on the condition of anonymity.

Blaming the BBMP officials for not maintaining the crematorium, a security guard said that coping with bad odour has become tough for him when a body is cremated here.

"I do not know why the BBMP is not taking measures to increase the height of the chimney. I demand the authorities fix this long-pending demand as early as possible," the guard said.

Mahadevamma, writer at Peenya Electric Crematorium, said that odour emanates from the cremation of decomposed bodies and bodies of those with incurable diseases.

"The Principal of Government PU College wrote a letter to me advising to take up repair of the chimney. I have already forwarded the letter to my higher authorities. I have also complained to the higher authorities about the bad condition of toilets and a defunct shutter of the crematorium. A portion of the compound wall collapsed. They are yet to fix these problems," said Mahadevamma.

She said that the public toilet constructed on the road near the entrance was shut down as soon as it was opened due to lack of water supply.

Ramesh Kumar, a resident of Peenya, said the authorities must provide basic amenities at the electric crematorium. "The condition of the toilets is worse," he said.

When contacted, BBMP Junior Engineer (Electrical) said that he had received no complaints on the crematorium so far. "As far as other problems are concerned, I will attend to them," he said.

Lack of service roads behind 150 fatal accidents last year

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Key structures unbuilt

Questions linger about when the construction of 17 flyovers and underpasses along the 44.04 km stretch of NH-48 will be completed. With no service roads in place, over 400 accidents and more than 150 fatalities have occurred in the past year.

"The road construction has been pending for over four years, and the situation is worsening. Despite promises made during the minister's visit, no one has returned to begin the work.

The minister must intervene seriously and ensure the project resumes," said Gangadhar, a local resident. On other hand, a contractor Rahul clarified, "The decision to resume work must come from New Delhi. We have not received any instructions to proceed with the project."

The development of the ten-lane highway, costing ₹844 crore, commenced in 2022 with a projected completion date of August 2025.

Accident statistics

From January to August 20, 2024, the highway has witnessed over 280 accidents, resulting in 85 fatalities and more than 310 injuries. Similarly, National Highway 75 near Nelamangala has experienced 75 accidents in the same period, causing 12 deaths and 39 injuries.

The situation is worsened by the parking of large vehicles like lorries and containers on the partially finished highway.

Toll collection concerns

Despite the expiration of the toll collection period for the operational four-lane road, the NHAI has contracted a company to collect tolls for ₹20 lakh per day. Toll collection is also occurring on the unfinished sections, which is deemed illegal by vehicle owners.

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I, Vyshnavi Pala Sandram W/O, Vinay Shoroff Lakshminarayana Shetty R/o G05, A Block Balaji Elegance, Prashanth Layout, Whitefield, Bangalore have changed my name to Vyshnavi Palasandram Suresh Babu in Passport document.

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Ouch, that hurts!

Human exclamations of pain are similar across the world, new study reveals

We all know what words we might shout out when we stub a toe or touch something hot. For those of us who speak English, it's probably "ouch".

But what kinds of "pain words" (or "interjections") do speakers of other languages use to express pain? And do these interjections feature similar sounds across languages, as we might expect if they are reflexive responses?

A new article published in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America examines this question for the first time. Our study measured vowels ("a", "i", "o", etc.) in interjections expressing pain, disgust and joy in over 130 languages across the globe. We then compared these with the vowels in nonlinguistic vocalisations (like moans, screams etc.) to test whether interjections and vocalisations share similar sounds.

Our results suggest pain interjections can indeed be traced back to nonlinguistic vocalisations, but the story is less clear for joy and disgust.

What are interjections?

Interjections are standalone words that can be used on their own (like "ouch!" or "wow!"). They don't combine grammatically with other words.

Because linguists mostly study grammatical combinations, for a long time they didn't pay much attention to interjections. This is why some very basic questions about them have yet to be answered – despite interjections being very frequent in speech and fundamental to communication.

Pain, disgust and joy

The main goal of our research was to find out whether interjections share similar vowels across languages based on the emotion or affect they're meant to express.

If so, we wanted to know whether these commonalities can be explained by the acoustic forms of nonlinguistic vocalisations like cries and moans.

To test this, we collected pain, disgust and joy interjections from dictionaries spanning many languages in Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe (more than 500 interjections in 131 languages).

To compare our interjections with noninterjection words, we used large databases with comprehensive lists of words for languages in our sample. This allowed us to run statistical tests to compare the distribution of vowels in interjections to those found in other words.

These tests showed that on average, the pain interjections we collected have more "a" vowels, and more successions of vowels, like "ai" (as in "ay!" in Spanish) or "au" (as in "ouch!" in English). This applies across all the regions of the world we investigated.

To be clear, this result doesn't mean all pain interjections will contain an "a", "ai" or "au" sound. But if you pick a random pain interjection, it has more chances to have these sounds than if you pick a random disgust or joy interjection, or any other word. Of the three types of affective experiences we looked at, pain was the only one with such properties. Vowels in disgust and joy interjections, by contrast, did not differ markedly from other words.

This shows the vowels in pain interjections are not random. So, where do they come from?

Pain interjections resemble pain vocalisations

To explore this question, we looked at the nonlinguistic sounds people make to express pain, as well as disgust and joy.

We recorded a large number of English, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish and Turkish speakers producing vocal sounds – without conventional words – to express these affective experiences. We then counted the vowels in these vocalisations.

We found each emotional experience has its own vowel profile for vocalisations: pain has more "a" vowels, disgust more central, "neutral" vowels (like the second vowel in "dragon"), and joy has more "i" vowels.

In other words, both interjections and nonlinguistic vocalisations for pain have more "a" vowels than expected. However, disgust and joy interjections don't share the same vowels as the vocalisations expressing those emotions.

What does it tell us?

Our study shows that while interjections are conventional and language-specific, their vowels are not fully random. Pain interjections have markedly more "a", "ai" or "au" than expected. And with respect to "a", they resemble nonlinguistic vocalisations.

This suggests that pain interjections could derive from the nonlinguistic sounds people produce when in pain, but this doesn't seem to be the case for disgust and joy.

These results shed light on big questions about the origins of linguistic forms. We often think of words as arbitrary combinations of sounds. The fact people say "house" in English, but "casa" in Spanish, is often considered purely conventional.

But some aspects of language may be less arbitrary than others.

Pain – a central aspect of human experience – is associated with strong physiological and emotional responses, to the point that these spontaneous reactions could shape the conventional words humans use to express pain.

Much remains to be understood. In this study, we focused on vowels. But this raises the question: what about consonants ("p", "t", "s", etc.)"? And what about emotions other than pain, disgust and joy?

Such investigations will shed further light on how embodied human language is, and how it developed originally in our ancestors.

(By Maïa Ponsonnet, The University of Western Australia, Christophe DM Coupé, University of Hong Kong, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Trans women's mental health

High stigma
Trans women in India face significant stigma, and have high rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts, according to a study on Monday.

Some challenges
Researchers from The George Institute for Global Health India with global collaborators, have highlighted the stigma and mental health challenges faced by trans women in India. The study examines their experiences of rejection, discrimination, and social exclusion, calling for urgent action to address these issues.

Stigma begins early
The study, published in the journal Wellcome Open Research, sheds light on how stigma begins early in life -- within families where trans women are often rejected, leading to a loss of self-esteem. In schools, bullying and harassment force many to drop out, leaving them without education or stable employment. Many trans women are left with limited options, often turning to begging or sex work to survive.
Healthcare discrimination also emerges as a major issue. Stories of mistreatment by hospital staff and lack of understanding from healthcare providers discourage many trans women from seeking medical help.

Toll on mental health
As a result, their physical and mental health needs often go unmet. These experiences take a significant toll on mental well-being, contributing to high rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts among trans women. "One of the most pressing revelations from the study is the lack of mental health research focusing on trans women, especially in low- and middle-income countries like India. While global studies often focus on HIV-related issues, the mental health needs of transgender communities remain largely unaddressed. This research highlights the urgent need for interventions to address stigma and its impact on their lives," said Dr. Sandhya Kanaka Yatirajula, The George Institute for Global Health India. —IANS

MIRRORLIGHTS

Eating almonds could help in post-exercise recovery, says new study

Eating almonds regularly may help recover from exercise by reducing muscle fatigue and soreness, a new study has found.

The findings, published in the journal Current Developments in Nutrition, could promote greater adherence to physical training, a topic that warrants further investigation in future studies, researchers noted.

The research team, which included scientists from San Diego State University in the US, studied 26 middle-aged adults who exercised one to four hours per week. For eight weeks, participants consumed either 60 grams of whole raw almonds or about 90 grams of unsalted pretzels daily.

After eight weeks, participants underwent a 30-minute downhill treadmill run to induce muscle damage, immediately consuming their daily serving of almonds or pretzels afterward.

The researchers measured perceived muscle soreness, muscle performance (through a muscle contraction test and vertical jump), and blood markers of muscle damage and inflammation, such as C-reactive proteins and creatine kinase. Measurements were taken before the treadmill run and at 24, 48, and 72 hours afterward, during which participants continued their daily intake of almonds or pretzels.

During the recovery period-- up to 72 hours after the treadmill run-- the group consuming almonds showed lower levels of creatine kinase, indicating less muscle damage.

Additionally, the almond group demonstrated better muscle performance at both 24 and 72 hours following the treadmill run.

Pain levels in participants who ate almonds were found to be about 37% and 33% lower at 24 and 48 hours, respectively, compared to those consuming pretzels.

"This study demonstrates that 2.0 (ounces per day) of almonds modestly reduces pain, better maintains muscle strength, and reduces the (creatine kinase) response to eccentric-based exercise," the authors wrote. —PTI

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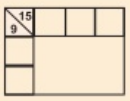
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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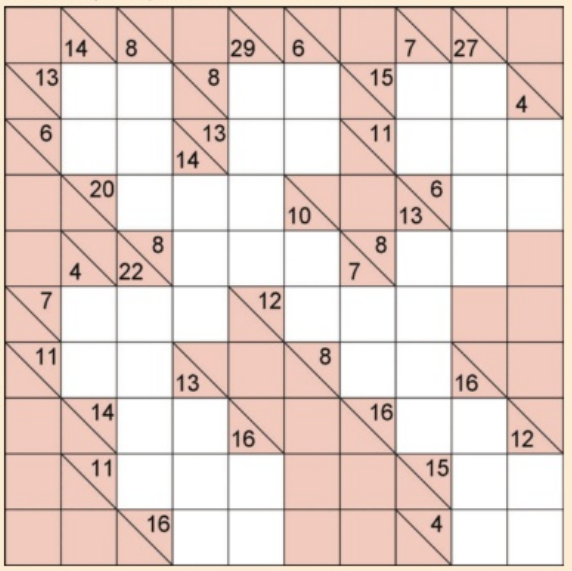

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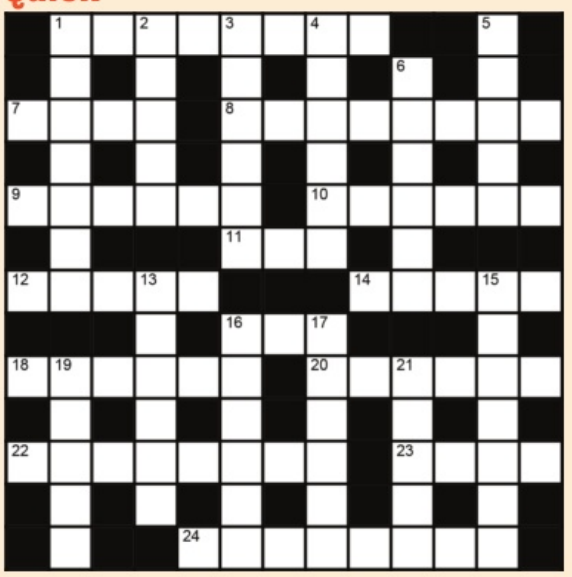


ACROSS

1 Conceal; slow down the progress of (4,4)
7 A single thing (4)
8 Karnataka Rajyotsava is celebrated on the 1st of ____ (8)
9 Apple browser (6)
10 Consume (6)
11 Light brown (3)
12 Certain bones–"a scar" anagram? (5)
14 Woody plant tissue (5)
16 Pod vegetable (3)
18 Of the countenance (6)
20 Prejudiced people (6)
22 Say it to be polite and appreciative? (5,3)
23 Pimples (4)
24 Degree holder (8)

DOWN

1 Language of Karnataka (7)
2 More than usual (5)
3 Outlaw; robber (6)
4 Break down, literally or metaphorically (4,2)
5 Conjecture (5)
6 In a stuck up or proud manner (6)
13 Rules as a monarch (6)
15 Friendly understanding (7)
16 Theatrical performer (6)
17 Teem or swarm (6)
19 Detest (5)
21 Tropical fruit (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS L

BKK GAXQ BSL SA NKBR JBQHE TBOQ B LFKK MAR BSL TCKK B XCOZ GCLAG.

Linemaro

I am not trying to impress you or anything, but I can swim without floaties

Mindchow

Wilderness is not a luxury, but a necessity of the human spirit

Joke of the day

Q: Why do bikers wear leather?
A: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily

Loop

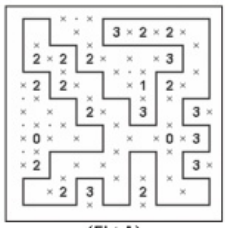
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

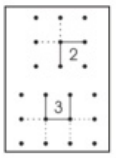
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

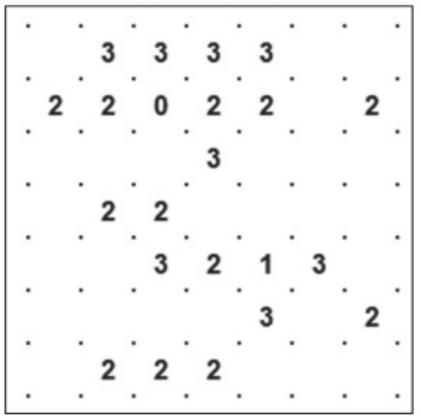
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



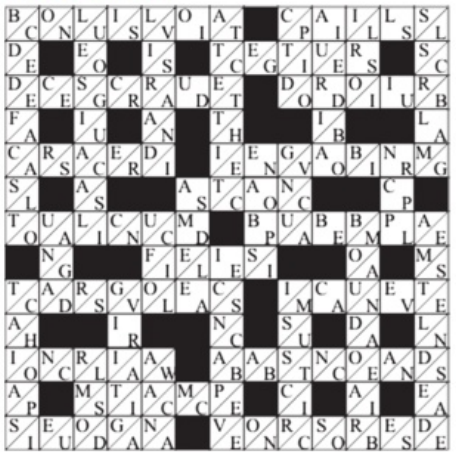
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



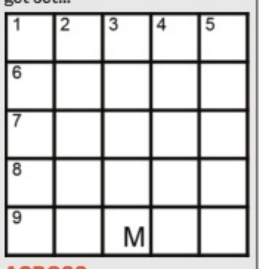
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Caaba; 6 Lucas; 7 Years; 8 Euros; 9 Sup BM

DOWN

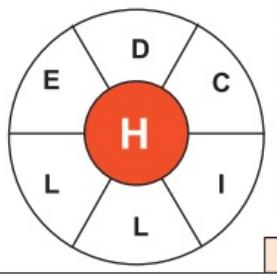
1 Brace; 2 A buoy; 3 Ruma U; 4 Claps; 5 SS Sea

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

3	12	7
4	15	9
6	11	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5			8		3			9
	9	8		6		2	5	
		7				4		
		1	9		4	8		
7								4
		4	7		8	5		
		3				1		
	5	9		4		3	6	
1			5		9			8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 13

5 6 7 9

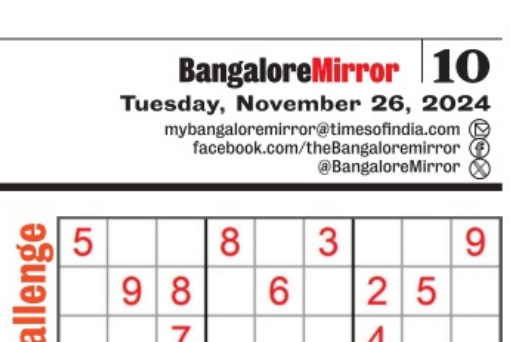
Medium = 12

6 6 8 8

Hard = 56

1 7 7 7

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

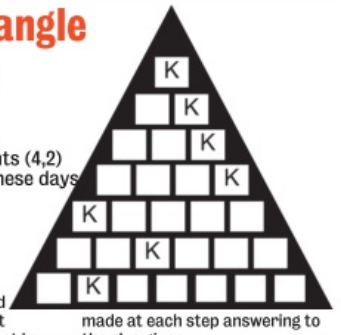
Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Woman's hair is different. 4. Tire is different. 5. Clipboard is longer. 6. Bush is missing.

Riddler

The answer to each clue is the name of a famous person or character whose initials in the clue have been replaced with asterisks. 1. *illionaire computer ma*nate 2. The *lue Lagoon *tar 3. Top foot*all ru*her 4. Sca*lett's *eau 5. Wi*bledon champio*

Alpha triangle

1 1000
2 Machine gun_(47)
3 Covenant holder
4 Put in order
5 Singer Carpenter
6 Gain great amounts (4,2)
7 Russia's enemy these days



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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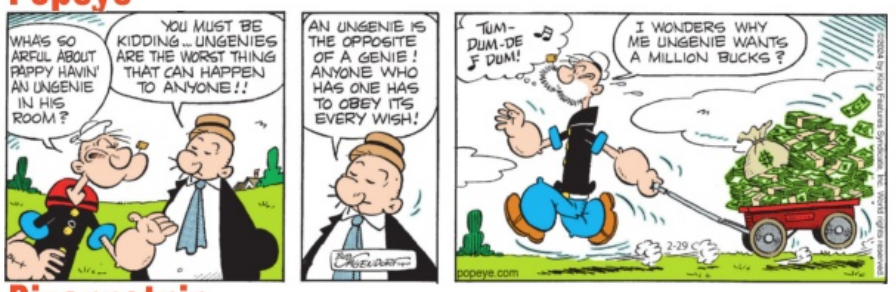
Popeye


WHAT'S SO ARFUL ABOUT PAPPY HAVIN' AN UNGENIE IN HIS ROOM?
YOU MUST BE KIDDING... UNGENIES ARE THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE!!
AN UNGENIE IS THE OPPOSITE OF A GENIE! ANYONE WHO HAS ONE HAS TO OBEY ITS EVERY WISH!
TUM-DUM-DE-DUM!
I WONDERS WHY ME UNGENIE WANTS A MILLION BUCKS?
popeye.com

Bizarrotrip

Wayno & Piraro 8-21-24
My velociraptor ancestors didn't have to beg for a cracker.
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I WANNA DO A ONE-WOMAN SHOW FOR THE TALENT SHOW, SINGING AND DANCING TO MULTIPLE SONGS!
YOU SHOULD DO A DISNEY MEDLEY!
ARE YOU JUST SAYING THAT CUZ YOU LOVE DISNEY PRINCESSES?
MAYBE.
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Crankshaft

FROM A VERY EARLY AGE, I USED TO GO AROUND TELLING PEOPLE I WAS GOING TO BE A CARTOONIST.
I REMEMBER TELLING IT TO MY FUTURE WIFE WHEN WE WERE DANCING AT THE SENIOR PROM... AND SHE REPLIED...
YOU'LL GET OVER THAT ONCE YOU MATURE.
WATCH ME!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

SHTINKY'S BUILDING AN ARK!
YES, MR. EARL, I'M GOING TO TAKE TWO OF EVERY ANIMAL.
I'D SHTAY AWAY FROM TERMITES AND WOODPECKERS.
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may meet an influential person who could help you progress in your work; your network is likely to strengthen with their support. You might prepare to implement new ideas into your business or work. Investments in your business could bring financial gains in the near future. On the domestic front, you may be busy with family gatherings and social events.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, your mother's health is likely to improve, bringing relief. You may enjoy your work and could receive rewards for your hard efforts. Your social respect may also increase. However, overworking your mind may make you tired, and due to a heavy workload, you may also miss out on a family event.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel satisfied at work and might plan a short work-related trip. Visiting a religious place could help you maintain inner peace. Guidance from your mentors or gurus may provide clarity about your goals and the right path to follow.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you might feel dull, so it is advisable to keep your mind calm.
You are advised to think twice before acting in any situation.
You may travel to recover money, but there is a risk of loss if you are not cautious. It is also advised that you avoid adventurous tours. Students are advised to focus on their studies to achieve success.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may plan to renovate your house or purchase artefacts and creative items to enhance your social status. You might also invest in property or other assets. Romantic moments with your spouse could strengthen your emotional bond. Singles may find their soulmate, and lovebirds might make important decisions regarding marriage.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel happy. Chronic health issues within the family might see some improvement. Stuck money is likely to be recovered, boosting liquidity in your business. Those employed may receive incentives that improve their financial situation. Job seekers could find opportunities through the reference of a relative or friend. Students may benefit from academic support.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is significant for your domestic life. You may be busy with your children and could receive good news regarding their education. You might buy creative items for your home or office to enhance your social status. However, it is advised to be careful when purchasing household items or jewellery.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, impatience might reflect in your work, leading to minor mistakes that could delay tasks. It is advised that you postpone investments in fixed assets for a few days. However, with the blessings of elders, you may overcome messy situations. By evening, you are likely to regain focus on your work.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and destiny seems to favour you.
You may feel energetic and focused on your work, with hard work bringing success. Subordinates are likely to support you. A short work-related trip may be on the cards, and you might receive good news from a sibling. Renovation plans for your home or office could test your creativity.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may control unnecessary expenditures, resulting in increased savings. Your creativity could shine at work or home, enhancing your social status. Lovebirds are likely to gain support from family and friends regarding marriage plans.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, messy situations may finally come under control, allowing you to feel at peace. A proper balance between expenses and earnings could boost your savings. You are advised to avoid excessive travel or overworking, as it may affect your health. Students can start planning for higher studies. Lovebirds are likely to enjoy happy moments together.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may experience health issues that could make you impatient. Controlling your short temper is strongly advised. It is advised to avoid spending money on worthless items, as it might harm your savings. Lovebirds should steer clear of discussing trivial matters to avoid potential conflicts or even a breakup.

KIDZONE

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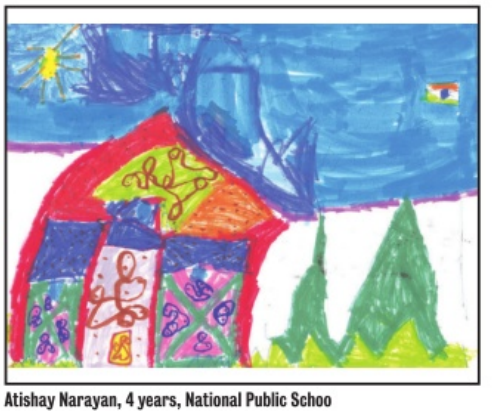

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
5!=44
5!!=5(5-2)=5(3)=15
5!!!=5(5-3)=5(2)=10
5#=5+3+2=30
44+120+15+10+30=
164+15+10+30=
179+10+30=
189+30 = 219

BULL'S EYE
chide, child, chill, CHILLED, held, hell, hide, hill

FAST FIVE

A	B	A	C	A
C	A	U	L	S
E	Y	R	A	S
R	O	U	S	E
B	U	M	P	S

QUOTE UNCODE
All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and Jill a rich widow.

STRIKE OUT

B	O	L	I	V	I	A	■	P	A	I	L	S	■	■
E	O	■	I	■	C	E	T	U	S	■	C	■	■	■
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
3. In each row of the diagram, add the left and right hand digits together and add 2 to give the result in the centre.

RIDDLER
1. BG = Bill Gates
2. BS = Brook Shields
3. BS = Barry Sanders
4. RB = Rhett Butler
5. MN = Martina Navratilova

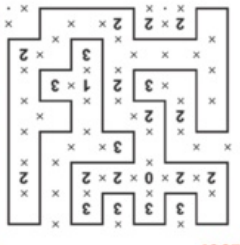
SUDOKU

5	4	2	8	7	3	6	1	9
3	9	8	4	6	1	2	5	7
6	1	7	2	9	5	4	8	3
2	3	1	9	5	4	8	7	6
9	6	4	7	2	8	5	3	1
7	8	5	3	1	6	9	2	4
4	7	3	6	8	2	1	9	5
8	5	9	1	4	7	3	6	2
1	2	6	5	3	9	7	4	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
K, AK, ArK, RarK, KarEn, Rake In, Ukraine.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 6 + 5 − 7 = 13
Medium
8 / 8 x 6 + 6 = 12
Hard
7 x 7 x 1 + 7 = 56

LOOP



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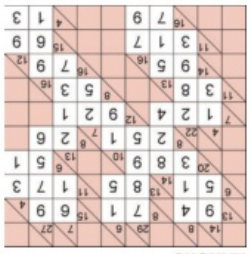

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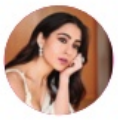

From cute to nerdy— Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan has shared a string of moods she has which included her being cute, nerdy and colourful. Sara took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a photo collage of her

When it all clicked

Sonakshi says how Dabangg made it clear for her what she wanted to do

Sonakshi Sinha made her perfect debut in the film industry with the superhit Salman Khan starrer 'Dabangg'. Recently the actress shared her 'Dabangg' journey where she playfully said that it felt like an 'arranged marriage'.

Talking to Kareena Kapoor in the podcast What Women Want Season 5, Sonakshi Sinha said that her 'Dabangg' journey was not a planned one and it just 'happened'. Salman Khan and Arbaaz Khan saw her at Amrita Arora's marriage and came to her by saying that they were writing a movie in which she would be the perfect one to play the female lead.

Sonakshi said that during Salman Khan and Arbaaz Khan's first meeting, she had lost all the weight. Sonakshi who was pursuing fashion design at that time, didn't take their offer with seriousness and she started to sense her stepping into the film industry when both of them came to her home to narrate 'Dabangg's script.

After her whole family listened to the script, Salman Khan and Arbaaz nodded and left; the next moment felt like a fast-forward for Sonakshi as was soon in the 'Dabangg' script, paired with Salmaan Khan. She said, "It felt like an arranged marriage. But once I reached the set, I realised I wanted to do this, and I've been doing it ever since."

Sonakshi further added that once she started working, she never thought about the idea of stopping it anytime soon.

Meanwhile, 'Dabangg' marked Salman Khan's one of the best films in his career and turned out to be an all-time blockbuster film. Recently Salman's character Chulbul Pandey was featured in Rohit Shetty's 'Singham Again'.

— ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Child star

Child artiste Rutu Sparsha, who proved her mettle in Taekwondo Girl, has now proved her dancing skills with the video of the song - Mahaveera Hanuman. The 4.32-minute song was released by veteran movie producer Soorappa Babu, who wished good luck to the cast and crew.

Director Raghav Surya said the shooting of the song was held at Anjanadri Hills, Anegundi Lakshmi Ranganathaswamy Temple and Chintamani Mutt. "Shooting of the song was very challenging for us. We shot the song at a location where the shooting of Jackie Chan's movie The Myth was held. More than 100 technicians participated in the shooting at Anjanadri Hills. We climbed 575 steps of Anjanadri Hills. We shot only after getting permission from the Hampi Development Authority," said Surya.

The director said despite all that the shooting of the song was completed without any hassles. "There was heavy rain in the morning. We were not sure of continuing shooting. We offered pooja at the temple. Later it stopped raining so we could continue shooting," the director said.

He thanked producer Raghavendra Reddy for providing him all facilities during the shooting.

Pat on the back

Real Star Upendra appreciated his better-half Priyanka's acting skills. Action Queen Priyanka has played a key role in the forthcoming movie Life is Beautiful. The team of the movie celebrated Priyanka's birthday at her home recently. Priyanka's latest movie Ugravathara was released four weeks ago.

Appreciating Life is Beautiful, Upendra said that he wanted a few scenes of the movie. "The movie has come out well. There is a scene of a lift going up and down. It indicates ups and downs in life. The team has selected a suitable title – Life is Beautiful – for this movie. Prithvi Ambaar has a bright future in Sandalwood. His performance Diya was super," said Upendra.

He said Priyanka is soft and cool with others outside home but very strict with family at home. "She chided us at home but got a good name outside home. She is a good actor and I have to learn a lot from her," he said.

When asked about the gift he wanted to give his wife on her birthday, he said he does not want to give her a gift till his latest movie UI arrives at theaters.

Priyanka said both directors Arun Kumar M and Sabu Aloysius worked hard.

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